CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD WEDNESDAY, 14 AUGUST, 1985 AT 7:00 P.M.
AD-131, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, LOYOLA CAMPUS

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Scott White at 8 15 p.m.

PRESENT

Co-Presidents

Ron Hiscox

Commerce

Robert Gauvin
Elizabeth Laett (9:05)
Jenny Rice (9:00)
Lorne Severs
Shirleen Weekes

Arts and Science

Maria Calderone
Carla Grodis
Mark Pink
Heather Rerrie
Karen Takacs

Engineering

Dan Artola
Jonathan Jolivet

ABSENT

Co-Presidents: Mike Judson (w/r)
Arts and Science: Adrian Chomenko (w/r), Milva D'Aronco (w/r), Andy King (w/r), Maki Kusano (w/r), Chris Mostovac (w/r), Jennifer Stark.
Commerce: Janice Domaratzki (w/r).
Engineering: Andrew Haberl (w/r), Martin Pereira.
Fine Arts: David Etherington (w/r), Page Lopez.

Advisors to the Board present: Francois Desrosiers, External VP; Diane Coulas, Secretary Judicial Board; Brian Weihs, Finance VP; Carolyn Whitzman, Communications VP.

2. Approval of Agenda

Delete Item 7 b) Dissolution of CUSASET

Postpone to next meeting Item 7 d) Amendments to Faculty Academic Councils' Mandate

Delete Carla Grodis' name from 7 f) Discussion of the Concordian's Mandate

Add Item 7 a) Capital Campaign motion BD-34-D4

Add Item 5 c) Cusacorp Report

Agenda approved as amended

3. Approval of Minutes of the 33rd Meeting

It was suggested that because the minutes were only handed out at this meeting, that the Board postpone approval of them until the next meeting.

No objections to postponing approval of minutes.

4. Chairperson's Remarks

Scott White stated that he had received a letter of resignation from David Swift, Fine Arts Director. There was no reason stated in the letter. He then commended Ron Hiscox, Carla Grodis, Karen Takacs and Robert Gauvin for their superb attendance at Board meetings.

5. Reports

a) Academic COW Report

Jennifer Zaremba stated that there will have to be a troubleshooter at Accounts to explain about the Capital Campaign contribution because the university did not put on the explanation on the contract as they said they would. Jennifer asked for suggestions as to who should pay for the extra toubleshooter, she did not budget for it in her budget.

Carolyn Whitzman suggested that the Capital Campaign Committee should pay for the extra troubleshooter.

Jennifer then stated that the mailout went but there were some mistakes because of computer error so letters were being returned.

She also mentioned a misunderstanding between CUSA and the Conference Centre that led to us not receiving the folders for the orientation packages.

8:30 p.m.

b) Co-President's Report

Ron Hisox stated that Mike Judson was in L.A. for a conference for CUSA and Ron would be leaving for vacation next week (August 19) for an unspecified amount of time.

Ron then stated that the administration agreed to collect fees for the Engineering and Computer Science faculty. This will take away approximately $90,000 from the CUSA budget. We are talking to the engineers though about a service fee which will be taken from the $90,000 and given to CUSA for services rendered.

Phung Tu, the bookkeeper for CUSA will be leaving in two weeks. She has been offered the position of Financial Aid Advisor in the Financial Aid office of the university.

c) Cusacorp Report

Lorne Severs stated that the contract with the people who run the games room at SGW must be cancelled by August 26 if it is to be cancelled. It was suggested that Cusacorp take over the running of the games room as it does at Loyola.

He stated that Cusacorp would like to cancel the contract beacuse they do not feel that it is giving CUSA enough revenue. We now receive $8,500 a year and everything else goes to the company who manages it (Alouette Amusement). The games room at Loyola Campus Centre now brings in more revenue and it is a smaller operation. We now take 50% of the profits and the company we lease the machines from takes the rest.

8:45 p.m.

MOTION 210

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Cusacorp assume responsibility for administering the amusement games at SGW campus.

Moved by: Lorne Severs
Seconded by: Mark Pink

It was asked who would be responsible if a machine breaks down, who must pay for repairs? It was stated that such details must be looked into before signing a contract.

VOTE on Motion 210 11/0/0 Carried

6. Question Period

Carla Grodis asked Ron who will be in charge when the Co-Presidents are both away. Ron stated that Aleem Lakhani and Francois Desrosiers will be acting Co-Presidents but they will not have signing authority.

Carla then asked Ron for the breakdown of which executives will be away

when.

Joel Elkin and Aleem are in Toronto and will be back Monday or Tuesday.
Brian Weihs is leaving Saturday for three weeks.
Ruth Tovim is leaving August 21 until Labour Day.
Mike will be back by August 26.
Ron will be leaving August 19 and does not know when he will be back.

9:00 p.m.

It was asked who will chair Finance Committee when Brian is gone and most of the budgets have yet to be passed. Brian stated that FinCom can elect a chairperson, it does not have to be the VP Finance.

It was then asked what progress had been made concerning the 20% deal for the budgets.

It was mentioned that there seems to be a major flaw in the 20% idea when it comes to Fine Arts faculty and the Engineering faculty. They now receive more than 20% of what their students put in.

It might take a year or two to work out the problems but it is a good idea.

Carla stated that some board members and one of the Co-Presidents were telling groups that they would automatically be receiving 20% of the budget. Some groups have asked to redo very workable budgets because of this information which is false.

9:15 p.m.

It was then asked what the situation was with Martin Ranalli.

It was explained that Martin Ranalli was hired as one of the two CUSA Archivists at the beginning of the summer but had not put in the forty hours a week he was being paid for.

Ron stated that he would be talking to Martin to see if he would be willing to put in some volunteer time in the fall to make up for the hours he was not there.

It was asked by Lorne Severs when the engineerings would no longer be part of CUSA. Ron stated that he did not know if they will ever become totally separate from CUSA. They might pay a user's fee. It was then asked that if they do become totally separate from CUSA could the Co-Presidents inform Cusacorp immediately as it would affect their bookings of the Campus Centre and Reggie's Pub.

Steve Jats, an employee of Cusaset asked why he received his TP4 slip and was told that Cusaset was closing its doors. He also asked if work was still being done on the machines at Cusaset and who was doing it, were they getting paid, and are they qualified typesetters.

It was explained that Cusaset was still a Company on paper, the employees are still employees because they were not given their separation slips but they were not receiving any pay. It was also mentioned that the Handbook was being worked on at the moment by people who were not getting paid and were capable of working in the machines. They are CUSA's machines.

9:30 p.m.

7. New Business

a) Capital Campaign

MOTION 211

WHEREAS the Board of Directors has not been consulted about implementation of the student contribution to the Capital Campaign, and

WHEREAS the two co-presidents will be away from the period of August 19 to 26, when there needs to be one person to deal with administration on this matter, and

WHEREAS "the governing authority of the Association (is) vested in the Board of Directors", therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors set the following policies with regards to the student contribution to the Capital Campain:

1. The refund period shall be from September 5 to October 25.

2. The refund form will be prepared by CUSA.

3. The present student contracts should have a sticker added, informing them of the Capital Campaign addition to their student fees.

4. All costs pertaining to the student contribution shall be assumed by the University Capital Campaign Committee. Also, the CUSA Capital Campaign pamphlet be printed and mailed out as promised by the Capital Campaign Committee.

5. Any student whose account is paid up will be given a cash refund if they do not wish to contribute to the Capital Campaign.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors name David Hunt to be the liaison person concerning the Capital Campaign, effective from August 15 to August 26..

Moved by: Karen Takacs
Seconded by: Mark Pink

9:45 p.m.

At the present time the university neglected to put down any explanation of the increase of student fees on the contract. There are a lot of students who have no idea what the increase is for let alone what the Capital Campaign is.

Amendment to Motion 211

Move that the Refund period be from September 5 to September 26.

Moved by: Dan Artola
Seconded by: Mark Pink

This motion was suggested because some people felt it was too long a period for students to get there money back and too many students would try.

It was suggested that the refund period should not start until September 20 due to the fact that the accounts office is usually crammed with students paying their fees. The refund would just add to the confusion.

It was then suggested that the refund period should be from the 5th of September to the end of the academic year. Students should be able to get their money back at any time. This is the only way it would be truly voluntary.

Motion to Amend the Amendment

1. The refund period shall be to August 31, 1986 for the first year's contribution.

Moved by: Karen Takacs
Seconded by: Carla Grodis

There was much debate on this subject.

Move to End Debate

Moved by: Robert Gauvin
Seconded by: Mark Pink

10:00 p.m.

Carried Debate ended

Vote on Amendment to the Amendment 11/1/0 Carried

Vote on Amended Amendment 11/1/0 Carried

Vote on Motion 211 as amended 12/0/0 Unanimous

b) Cusaset

Ron stated that more information should follow from the Cusaset Board of Directors. He did not have much information.

Discussion centred around the employees of Cusaset and what their status is as the present time. Everything was uncertain as neither the Board of Directors of Cusaset nor of CUSA have made any firm commitments or decisions.

Motion 212

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Cusaset shareholders meeting be called for August 28 where the Directors of Cusaset are to submit a full report concerning the treatment of employees in the closing of the shop.

Moved by: Robert Gauvin
Seconded by: Elizabeth Laett

The directors of Cusaset will be asked to write this report for the next meeting by Ron Hiscox.

Vote on Motion 212 12/0/0 Carried

c) Cusacorp Pricing Policy

Lorne pointed out that this document was only being handed out tonight and was rather large. What he would like to do is limit debate tonight and postpone it to next meeting. It was pointed out that this need not be discussed as it is part of the everyday business of Cusacorp. CUSA does not have to approve it but we can amend it at any time in the future.

Some discussion followed about certain items in the policy. It was then mentioned that every group who had seen it had very positive comments about it.

d) Divestment of University Funds (BD-34-D1

Motion 213

WHEREAS the Concordia University Students' Association (CUSA) recently introduced a policy for undergraduate students' contribution to the Concordia University Capital Campaign;

WHEREAS the funds accumulated, in trust, would be deposited with the Bank of Montreal;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CUSA request the University to deposit all funds accumulated through the undergraduate contribution to the Capital Campaign into a sepcific account in the Toronto Dominion Bank.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT CUSA request the University to formally establish an Ad Hoc Committee of the Board of Governors of Concordia University on university policy with respect to South Africa and Divestment. Such a committee to maintain the following composition:

a) Rector (or his delegate)...1
b) Faculty Member.....1
c) Staff Member.....1
d) Student Member.....1

Such a committee to be mandated to examine and evaluate our academic community's social responsibility on the issue of apartheid and to formulate appropriate policies to reflect our commitment.

Moved by: Shirleen Weekes
Seconded by: Carla Grodis

Max Wallace gave a brief outline of the history behind this motion.

Vote on Motion 213 11/0/0 Unanimous

8. Announcements

Motion 214

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Francois Desrosiers and Aleem Lakhani be acting Co-Presidents from August 19, 1985 unitl the return of one of the present Co-Presidents.

Moved by: Carla Grodis
Seconded by: Dan Artola

Vote on Motion 214 11/0/0 Unanimous

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

G. Scott White, Chairperson

Mary Ann Whalen-Bradley,
Recording Secretary